

Background

In July 2006, the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board approved a Strategic Plan (Plan) for the organization, outlining guiding principles and key actions to be undertaken by the organization. The process included substantial public interaction and input, resulting in significant changes to the original draft.

The Plan called for a comprehensive review at the 5 year point, but it was understood that the SNC would regularly review the Plan to ensure that it continued to address critical issues. As the SNC approaches a mid way point in the 5 year period, it is appropriate to consider whether there needs to be any modifications.

Current Status

Staff has tentatively identified the issue of climate change as an area where greater emphasis should be provided in the Plan. Staff also recommends reorganization of the Plan, moving specific actions proposed (many of which have been completed), to an appendix that can be updated on a regular basis. It is anticipated that the Board discussion relating to organizational progress to date occurring at this meeting may further identify potential modifications.

Next Steps

Upon Board direction, staff will prepare a draft revised Plan to be considered at the December Board meeting. Following Board review and modifications at the December meeting, a draft will be made available to the public and comments considered in preparation of a final draft for the March 2009 Board meeting.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board direct staff to provide a draft revised Strategic Plan for Board review at the December meeting.